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FYI

Don't miss it—A revealing television documentary on the Nixon White House, including candid interviews with members of the original Watergate cast, begins Sunday, August 7, on the Discovery cable channel. It marks the 20th anniversary of President Nixon's departure from the White House—airborne by helicopter at 12:03 P.M., August 9, 1974.

The "Watergate" series begins with a two-hour segment at 9 P.M., August 7 (all times shown here are Eastern *and* Pacific; air times in Central and Mountain zones should be adjusted to EDT). The two-hour opening program will be repeated later that night, from midnight to 2 A.M. EDT and PDT.

Parts 3 through 5 run in one-hour segments on Monday through Wednesday, August 8 through 10, at 10 P.M. EDT and PDT. Each will be repeated that night at 1 A.M. Then all the segments will be run back-to-back on Sunday, August 14, from noon to 5 P.M. EDT and PDT.

The five-hour *Watergate* documentary was produced at the BBC by Fred Emery, a former chief Washington correspondent of *The Times* of London who has been a persistent student of the only Presidential resignation in our history. The series presents what Emery calls "circumstantial evidence" that Nixon knew in advance of the Watergate burglary.

Had Nixon resigned when Emery says he first began muttering about it to top aides—as early as April 1973—he would have been succeeded by Spiro Agnew, a Vice President he knew to be under investigation for bribery. Nixon pressed Agnew to resign in October 1973 rather than take a chance at fighting impeachment, as Agnew wished. Emery calls that Nixon's "worst tactical mistake," because Congress "might not have had the stomach for another impeachment"—Nixon's—the following year.

Staffing the JFK Review Board—Three months after its five members were sworn in, the JFK Assassination Records Review Board hired an expert archivist, David Marwell, as its $106,800-a-year executive director. Since 1988, Marwell has been the director of the Berlin Document Center, the Allies' archive of Nazi documents. The Berlin files were turned over to the German government on July 1. Marwell, 42, earlier spent 10 years in the U.S. Justice Department's Nazi-hunting Office of Special Investigations.

To begin the panel's mission of extracting for public review all withheld government documents on the Kennedy assassination, board members said, Marwell will be joined in September by a staff in offices a block from the downtown Washington National Archives building. Until then, the review panel's mailing address remains: Assassination Records Review Board, Archives II, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park MD 90740-6001.

Wealth insurance—Because health-care reform, if any, may mean higher premiums for some, even *Time* magazine thinks "it might be time for some of the big cats at the big carriers" to help reduce rates by taking pay cuts. The magazine's listing of the 1993 incomes of health insurance CEO's ranges from tops of $52.8 million (The Travelers) and $9.8 million (U.S. Healthcare) to a mere $790,000 (Cigna.)

The party's over—Total voter turnout in the 1992 Presidential election was the largest since 1972, according to the Census Bureau. But the 22nd annual new voter registration drive among 18-year-old high school students in Montgomery County, MD—a wealthy, mostly Democratic suburb of Washington, DC—yielded an all-time high of "declines." Students registered 40 percent as Democrats, 29 percent as Republicans and 31 percent as "declines," or in effect as Independents—who are often non-voters on Election Day. It's a national trend.

Corrections—Several readers correctly detected from the context that a reference to Dr. Jonas Salk on page one of the May 15 *Washington Spectator* was intended to be a reference to Dr. Benjamin Spock. And in the July 1 issue, the Northern States Power Co. got typographically relocated as "Northern States Power Colorado." It's a Co., all right. But its not in CO. It's in MN.

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